

Flood Protection

The Flood Risk – Orleans Parish is more vulnerable to flooding than any other disaster, natural or man-made. Factors contributing to this vulnerability include

- the land is very flat with little natural slope
- much of New Orleans lies below sea level and is surrounded by levees, and therefore an elaborate pumping system is necessary to prevent rainwater from pooling in the lowest parts of New Orleans
- Storm drains become clogged easily, preventing rainwater from flowing freely through the drains
- New Orleans is prone to heavy rain events and tropical events

****For these reasons, everyone in New Orleans should have flood insurance.**

[New Orleans Code of Ordinances](#) (Chapter 78 is the Floodplain Management Ordinance)

Helpful Links

[New Orleans Office of Emergency Preparedness](#)

[Be Prepared](#)

[Flood Zone Maps](#)

[Mississippi River Gauge information \(general\)](#)

[Mississippi River Gauge information \(New Orleans\)](#)

[Evacuation Guide](#)

[New Orleans re-entry information](#)

Flood Insurance Information:

- [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#)
- [Do You Have Flood Insurance?](#)

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Information:

- Community Name – City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish
- Community Number - 225203
- Panel Numbers – 45, 65, 75, 95, 105, 110, 115, 120, 130, 150, 160, 180, 185
- Date of current FIRM – 3/1/1984

Flood Mitigation Information:

- www.floodhelp.uno.edu
- www.louisianafloods.org

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)

Hurricane Katrina Flood Depths:

- http://gnocdc.s3.amazonaws.com/maps/PDFs/flood_extent.pdf
- <http://www.nola.com/katrina/pages/092205/0922PAGEB02.pdf?600>
- <http://www.katrina.noaa.gov/maps/maps.html>

State-wide Web Resources:

- www.getagameplan.org
- www.letsmitigate.com